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FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

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INFO AMCONSUL KARACHI

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AMCONSUL PESHAWAR

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CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST

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SUBJ: HARRASSMENT OF AMCIT BY PAK AUTHORITIES

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1. CONGRESSMAN MIKVA OF ILLINOIS INTERESTED. LAHORE AND KARACHI REPORT HAVING NO DIRECT CONTACT WITH STEINFELD, BUT EMBASSY AND PESHAWAR CONSULATE WELL AWARE OF STEINFELD'S DIFFICULTIES IN PAKISTAN IN SUMMER OF 1975. WE MADE SEVERAL REPRESENTATIONS IN HIS BEHALF BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER HE WAS JAILED FOR NON-POSSESSION OF VALID WORK PERMIT OR VISA. IT SEEMED OBVIOUS AT THE TIME FROM VARIOUS TRUMPED-UP COMPLAINTS THAT AUTHORITIES WERE SUSPICIOUS OF STEINFELD FOR SOME REASON BESIDES APPARANT VISA CHARGE. WE WERE NEVER INFORMED FORMALLY WHAT IT WAS, BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT GOP OFFICIALS FELT THAT STEINFELD HAD REPEATEDLY CONTRAVENED DIRECT INSTRUCTIONS BY ENTERING AREAS OFF-LIMITS TO ALL FOREIGNERS WITHOUT SPECIAL PERMISSION.

2. AS FOR ALLEGED ASSOCIATION WITH CIA, EMBASSY HAS NO IDEA IF THE GOP REALLY CONSIDERES STEINFELD TO BE A MEMBER

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OF SOME INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION, BUT AS DEPARTMENT IS

WELL AWARE, THERE IS TENDENCY IN ALL SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES
TO REGARD FOREIGNERS--ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO TRY TO ENTER
SENSITIVE AREAS--WITH A GREAT DEAL OF SUSPICION.

3. WE FRANKLY CANNOT PREDICT WHAT SUCCESS STEINFELD MAY
HAVE IN OBTAINING A VISA AND TOUR PERMITS. FOR HIS OWN
WELL-BEING, WE ADVISE HE NOT ATTEMPT TO RETURN, AS HE DID
LAST YEAR, WITHOUT A VALID VISA AND APPROPRIATE LETTERS
FROM THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, WE
WOULD ALSO ADVISE THAT HE CLEAR THIS SEPARATELY WITH THE
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CHITRAL BEFORE ENTERING/CONDUCTING
TOURS IN THAT AREA.
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